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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: SPANISH SAHARA

REF: A. MADRID 7794 B. USUN 5744

1. IN THE CONVERSATION WITH BENITO ON THE SPANISH SAHARA REPORTED IN REF A, HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GOS WAS CONCERNED AT THE "WATERING DOWN" OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION LAST NIGHT. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD, BUT DID NOT KNOW OF THE REASONS, THAT THE U.S. HAD PARTICIPATED IN THIS. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT AS BENITO WELL KNEW, THE U.S. HAD TAKEN A NUMBER OF STEPS IN RECENT DAYS, SOMETIMES AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPANISH GOVT, TO TRY TO DEFUSE THE ISSUE, AND THAT WE HAD SUPPORTED BOTH SECURITY COUNCIL EFFORTS. THE OPERATIVE PART OF LAST NIGHT'S SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION QUITE CLEARLY CALLED UPON MOROCCO TO WITHDRAW ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MARCH FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE WESTERN SAHARA. WHETHER THE WORD DEPLORE OR CONDEMN, MUCH DISCUSSED IN THE LOCAL PRESS, WAS USED MADE NO DIFFERENCE TO THE OPERATIVE PART OF THE RESOLUTION. BENITO SAID THAT SPAIN TOO WISHED TO SAVE FACE FOR THE KING, BUT COULD NOT DO SO IF THE MARCHERS CROSS THE LINE.

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